

Questions and Answers

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Q: Grant Award Ratios

Posted On: 11/20/2020 4:10:52 PM

QUESTION: Would OEL prefer more programs funded with lower grant amounts, or fewer programs funded with larger grant amounts?

REFERENCE: Appendix B; Section II Scope of Services; Paragraph 4; Page 61: "Grantees will receive financial incentives and technical assistance or coaching to improve or expand their program environment or personnel capacity. Grantees may receive funds for and technical assistance/coaching on, but not limited to: offsetting a portion of program startup costs, expansion or improvement costs, professional learning, some types of equipment and furnishings, materials, supplies, business counseling services, and other contractual services and training."

A: Please note on page 62: "Vendors must describe their cost proposal for grant administration only. Funds for the actual grants should not be included in the cost proposal."

Answered On: 11/30/2020 7:27:26 AM

Once awarded, the State will work with the Vendor to establish grant amounts based on fiscal year funding and the number of conforming, approved applications. Both scenarios described are within scope. Please see page 61: "Funding for grantees may vary as it is contingent upon the availability of funds per fiscal year;" and "The extent of the services will be entirely dependent upon the availability of funds and the quality of proposals."

Q: Grant Award Caps

Posted On: 11/20/2020 4:12:10 PM

QUESTION: Does OEL have a specific cap on Capacity grantee award amounts? If so, how much?

REFERENCE: Appendix B; Section II Scope of Services; Paragraph 4; Page 61: "Grantees will receive financial incentives and technical assistance or coaching to improve or expand their program environment or personnel capacity. Grantees may receive funds for and technical assistance/coaching on, but not limited to: offsetting a portion of program startup costs, expansion or improvement costs, professional learning, some types of equipment and furnishings, materials, supplies, business counseling services, and other contractual services and training."

A: Please note on page 62: "Vendors must describe their cost proposal for grant administration only. Funds for the actual grants should not be included in the cost proposal."

Answered On: 11/30/2020 7:29:06 AM

The State will work with the Vendor to establish grant amounts based on fiscal year funding and the number of conforming, approved applications. Please see page 61: "Funding for grantees may vary as it is contingent upon the availability of funds per fiscal year;" and "The extent of the services will be entirely dependent upon the availability of funds and the quality of proposals."

Q: Phased Awards

Posted On: 11/20/2020 4:13:44 PM

QUESTION: To accommodate proposals for larger Capacity projects, would it be permissible to structure awards to be released in phases, contingent upon successful completion of a previous phase?

REFERENCE: Appendix B; Section IIA Scope of Services, Capacity Building Grant Program Description; Paragraph A3 Managing grantee contracts and administering funds; Page 62: "Grantee contracts must be developed and managed in a flexible manner to meet project goals and address statewide gaps in care."

A: The State has the discretion to determine how we meet the requirements outlined in the RFP. Contingent phases are within scope. The State will work with the Vendor to establish its timeline for awards, following the requirement outlined on page 61: "Vendors must be prepared to administer grants on a quarterly cycle."

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Q: Limits and Regulations

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QUESTION: What stipulations within CCDF/CCDBG are we bound by to guide proposal of programmatic updates?

REFERENCE: Appendix B; Section IIA Scope of Services, Capacity Building Grant Program Description; Paragraph A3 Managing grantee contracts and administering funds; Page 62: "Grantee contracts must be developed and managed in a flexible manner to meet project goals and address statewide gaps in care."

A: The State has the discretion to determine how we meet the requirements outlined in the RFP. Contingent phases are within scope. The State will work with the Vendor to establish its timeline for awards, following the requirement outlined on page 61: "Vendors must be prepared to administer grants on a quarterly cycle."

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